

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. In particular, particular limitations from allowed claim 37 have been incorporated into claim 1. Withdrawn claims 8, 11-18, 20-28 and 31-36 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-7 and 37-42 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that independent claim 37 and its associated dependent claims 38-41 are allowed. In particular, the Examiner stated that, “The cited art of record does not teach the feature of claim 37 in particular the light guide directing light emitted from the light source so as to illuminate a small portion of the housing component in order to create a shaped indicator image at the extended outer surface of the housing, the area of the shaped indicator image being substantially smaller than the area of the extended surface.” The Applicants thank the Examiner for this notice of allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 3-7 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,888,322 issued to Dowling et al. (hereinafter “Dowling”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,030,088 issued to Scheinberg et al. (hereinafter “Scheinberg”).

Claim 1 has been amended to expedite prosecution to include particular limitations of claim 37 indicated to include allowable subject matter. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the art of record for at least these reasons as are its associated dependent claims 3-7 and 42.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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